

RISK-BASED MAINTENANCE OPTIMIZATION OF OFFSHORE WIND SUBSTRUCTURES



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Introduction

Pablo is a Maritime Engineer...



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Now?... PhD in **Risk-Based Maintenance of
Offshore Wind Substructures**



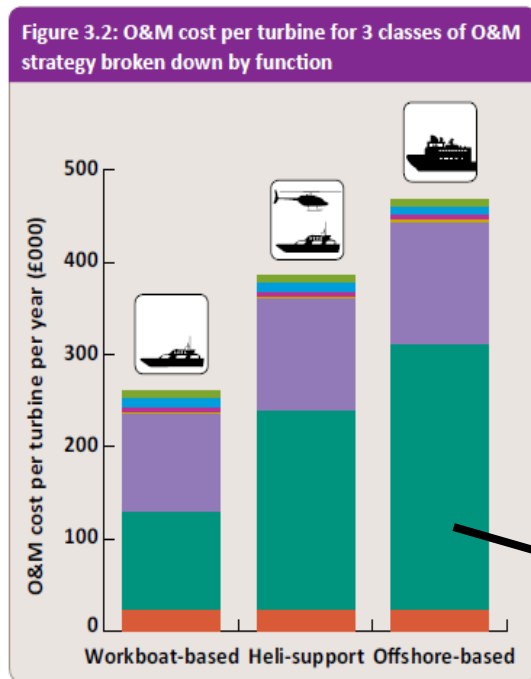
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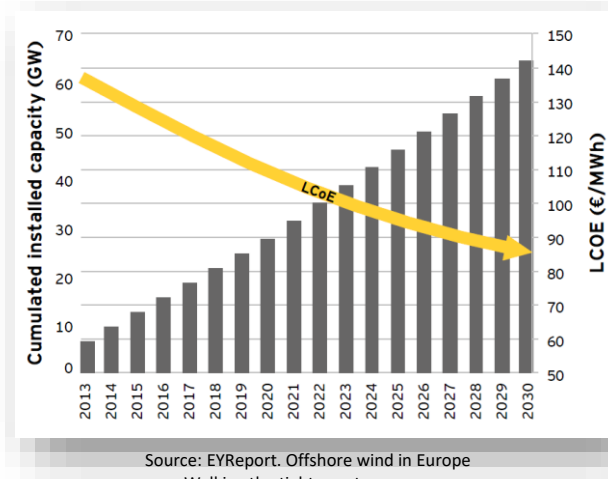
Context: Offshore Wind

Far away from shore

...**Complex O&M tasks**
Reduce LCOE...



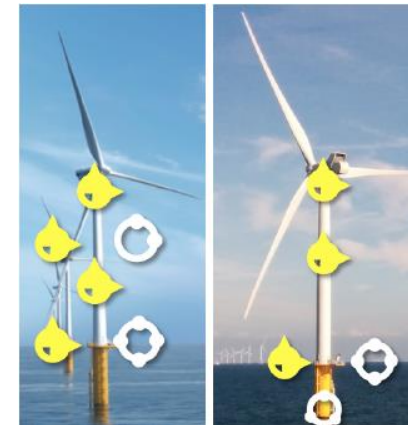
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**Foundation
Maintenance**

Information available

....**Inspections**
Monitoring...



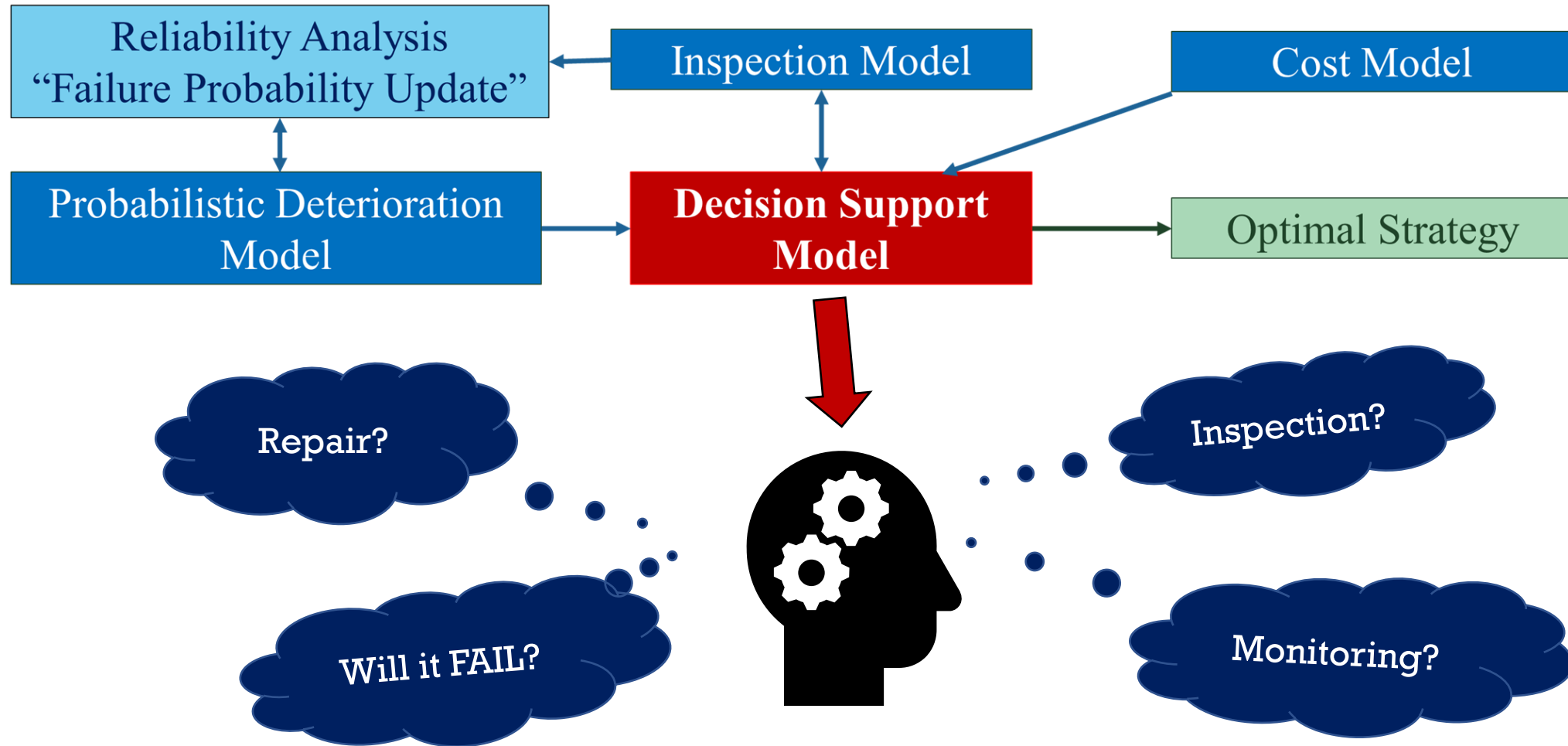
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Aim: Decision Support

‘Taking the right decision under uncertainty’



Uncertainties Modeling

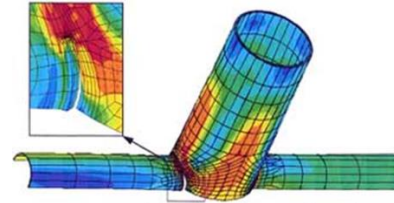
? Uncertainties?...

Physical

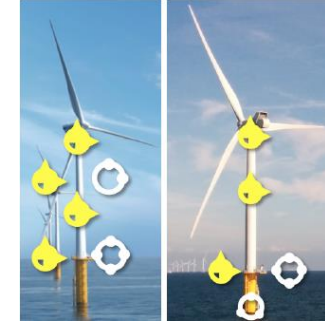


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Model



Statistical



Measurement



Structural Reliability: Bayesian Inference

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Design

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Production

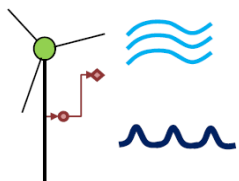
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Operation

Decommissioning

Deterioration Model - Fatigue

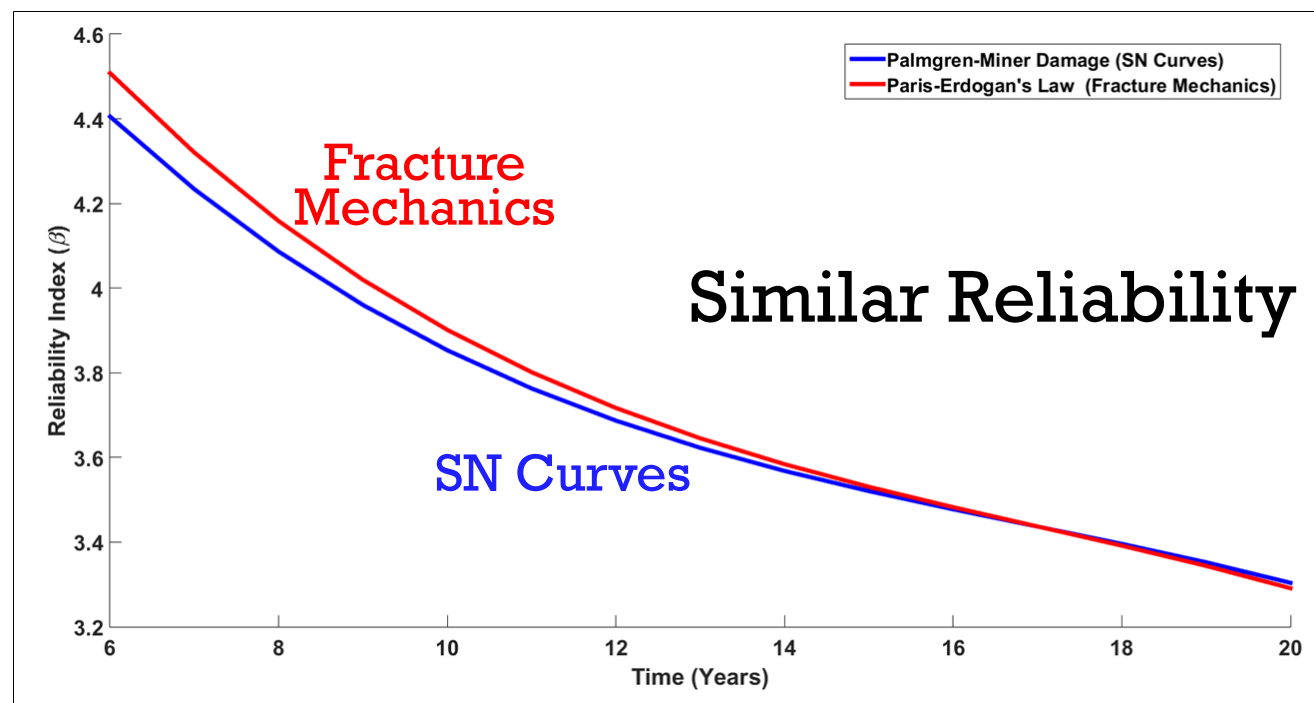
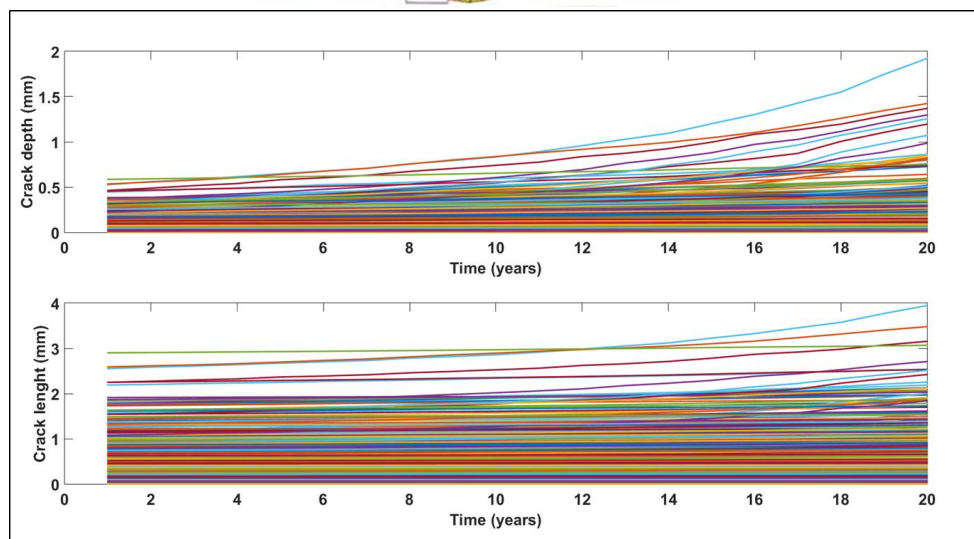
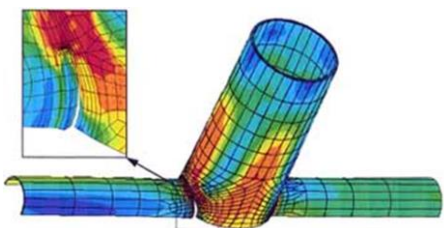


Why fatigue?

Combined action of
wind & waves

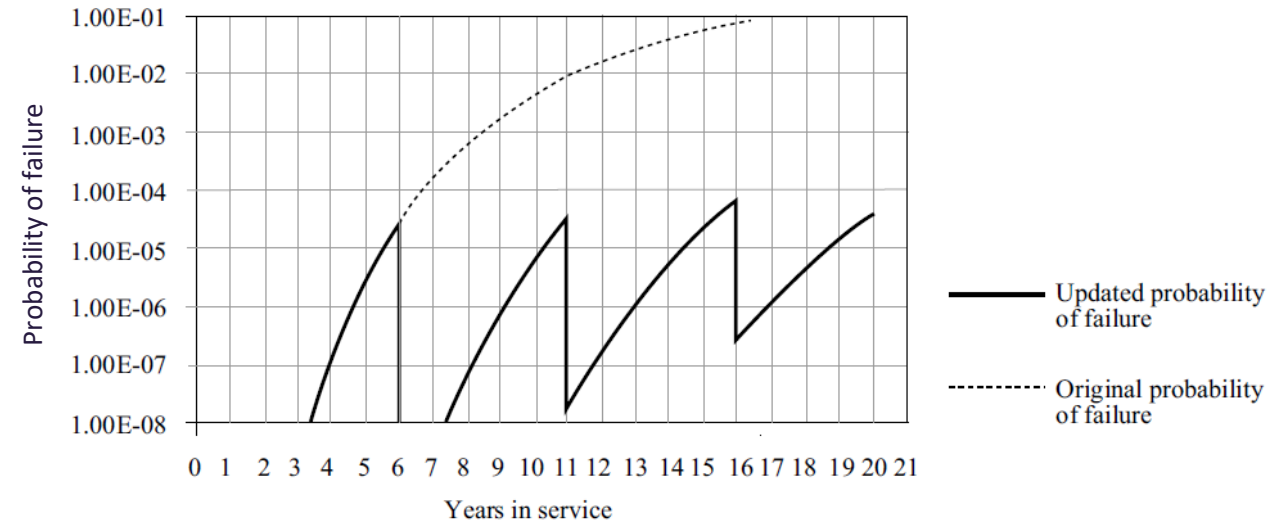
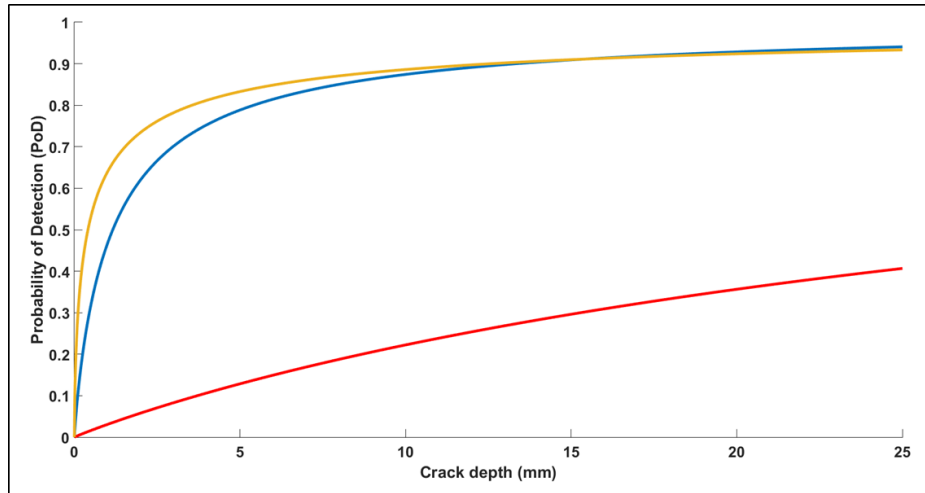
$\sim 10^8$ cycles/lifetime

Fracture Mechanics Calibration



Updating Reliability - Inspections

Optimization: $\text{RISK} = \text{Probability} * \text{Consequence}$



Inspection technique:

- Ultrasonic
- Eddy current
- Visual



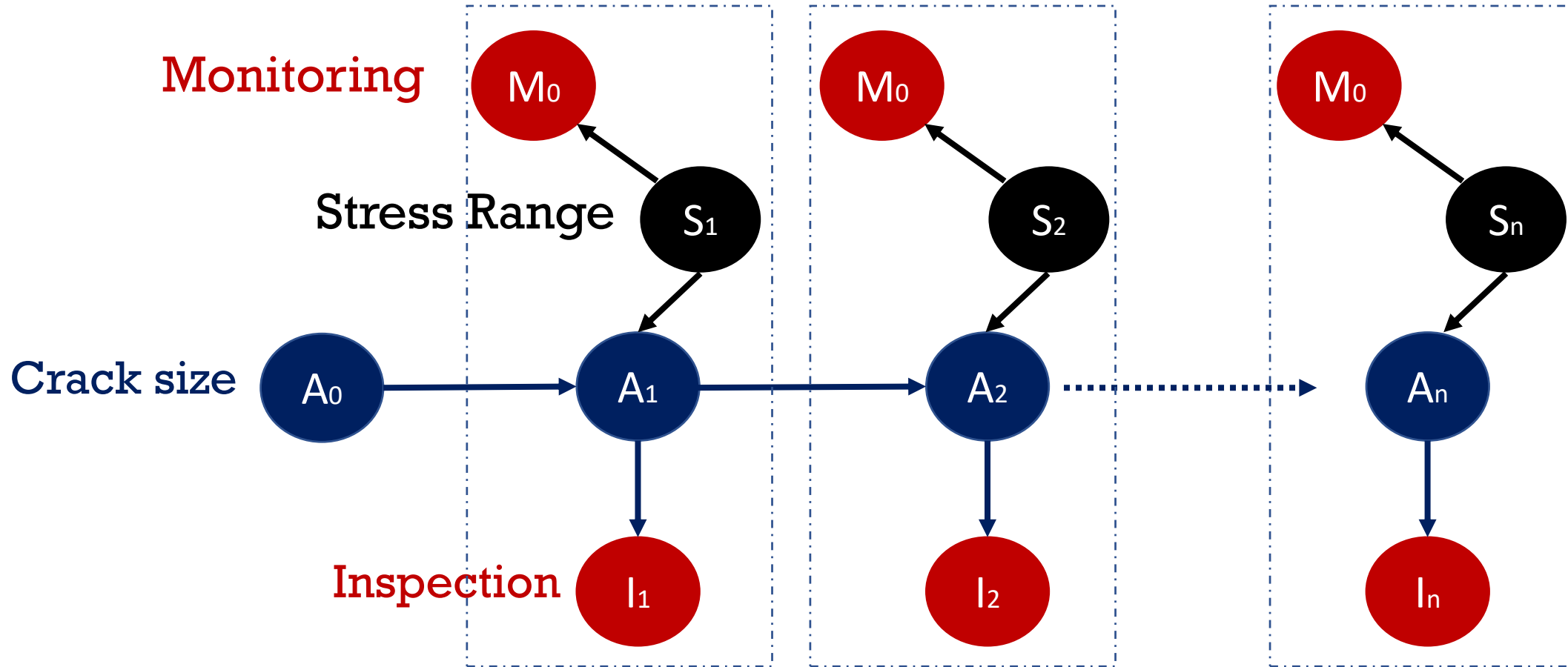
Inspection result:

- No detected
- Detected & repair
- Detected & no-repair

Utilizing Monitoring Data

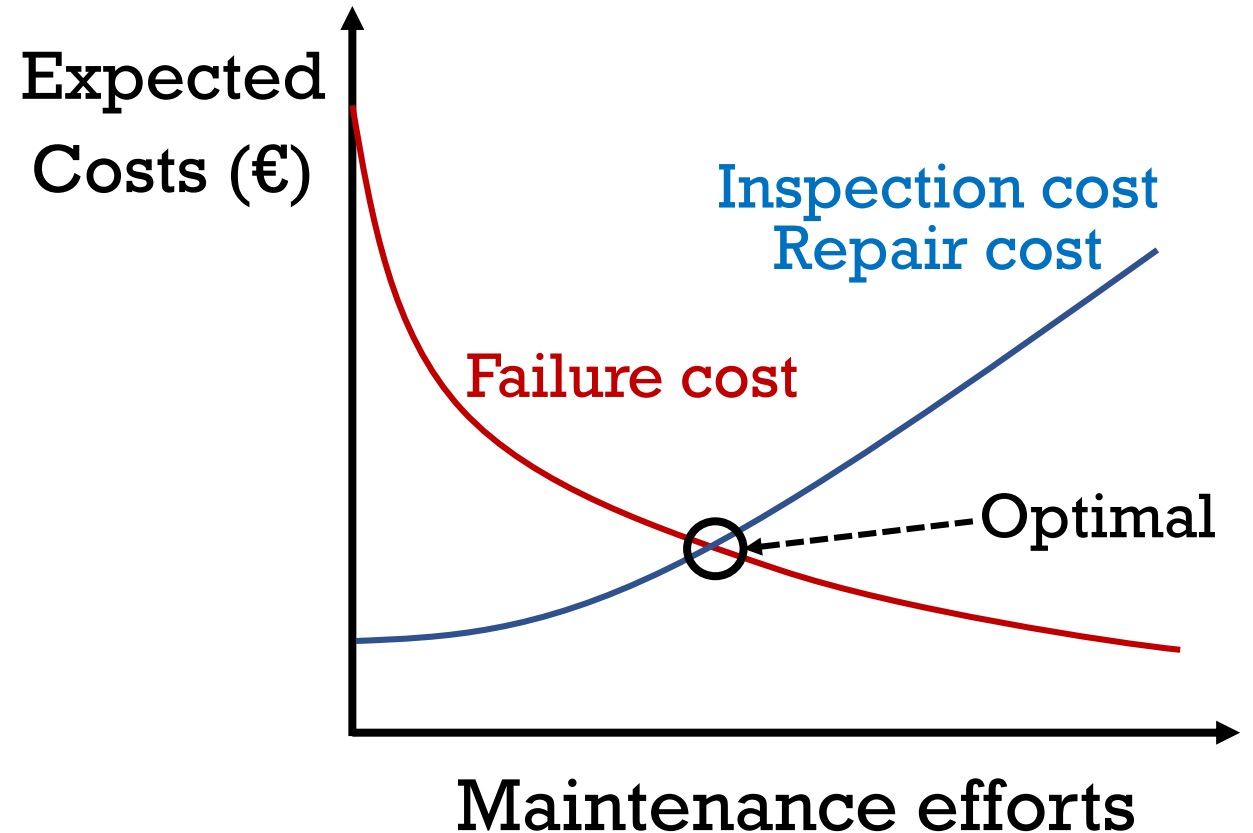
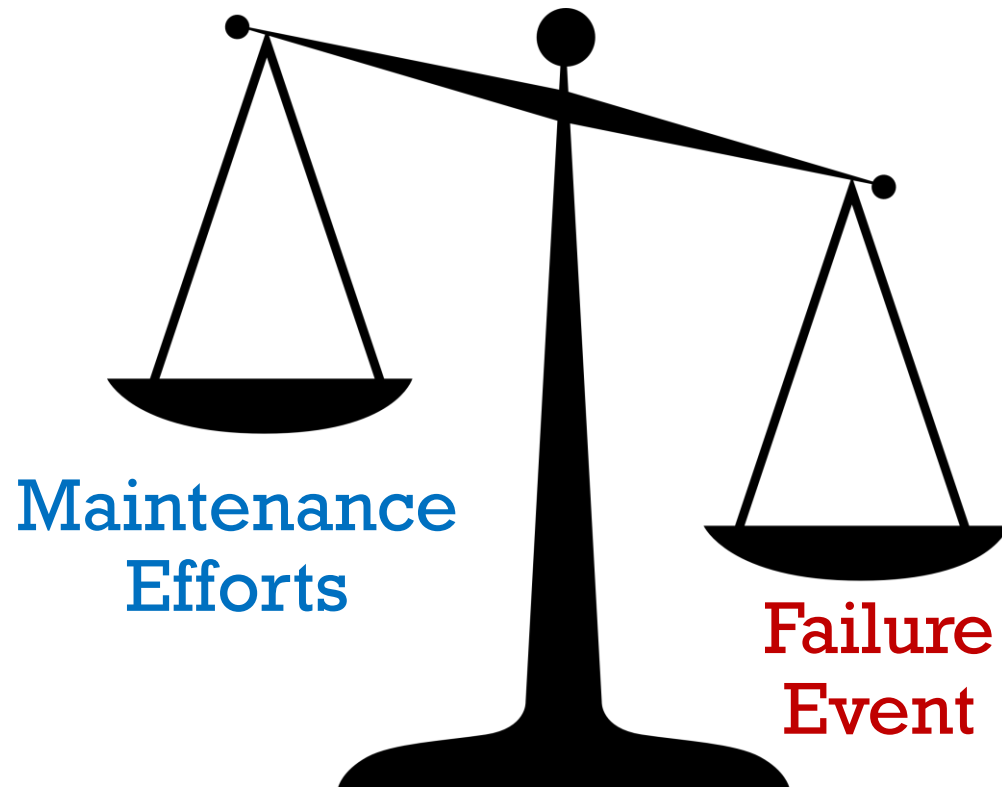
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‘Dynamic Bayesian Network (DBN)’



Cost Optimization

Optimization: $\text{RISK} = \text{Probability} * \text{Consequence}$

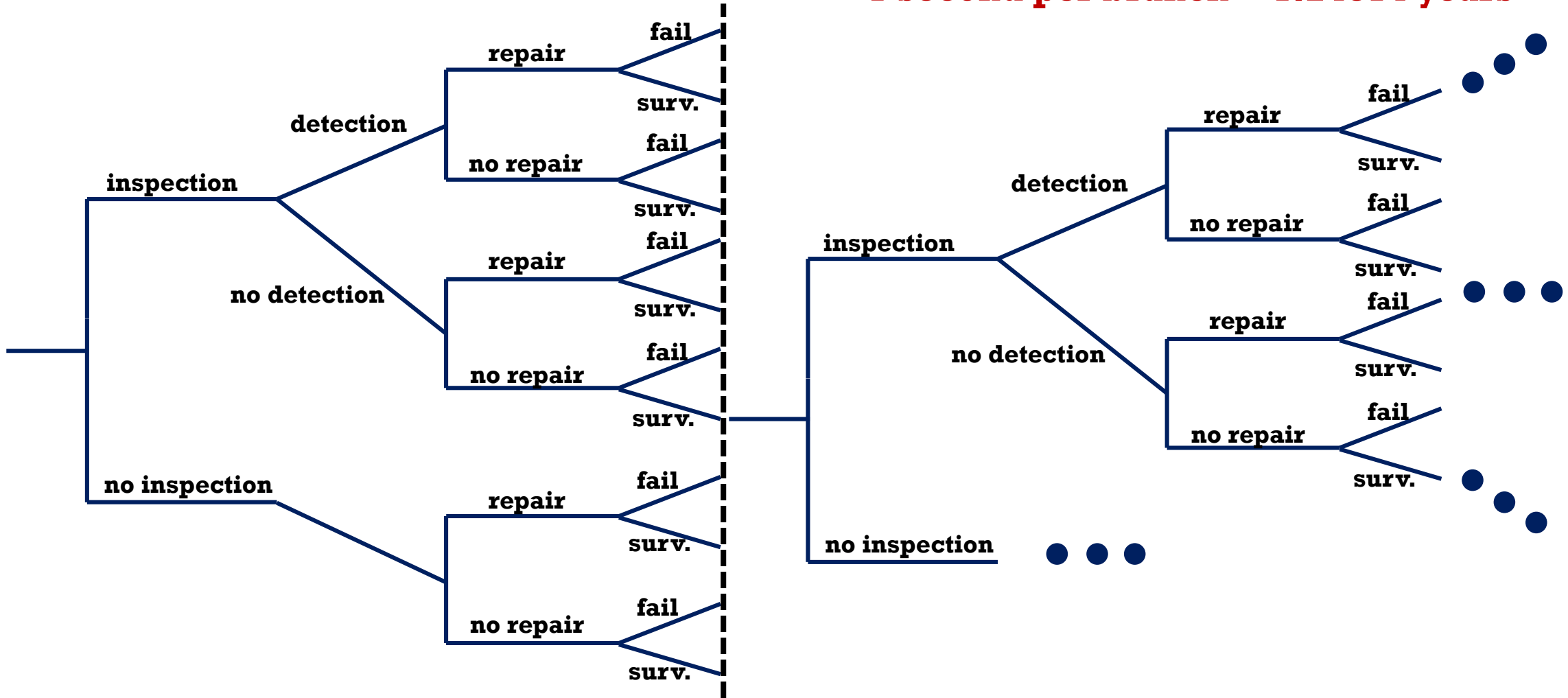


Decision Problem (II)

‘Pre-posterior Decision Analysis’...

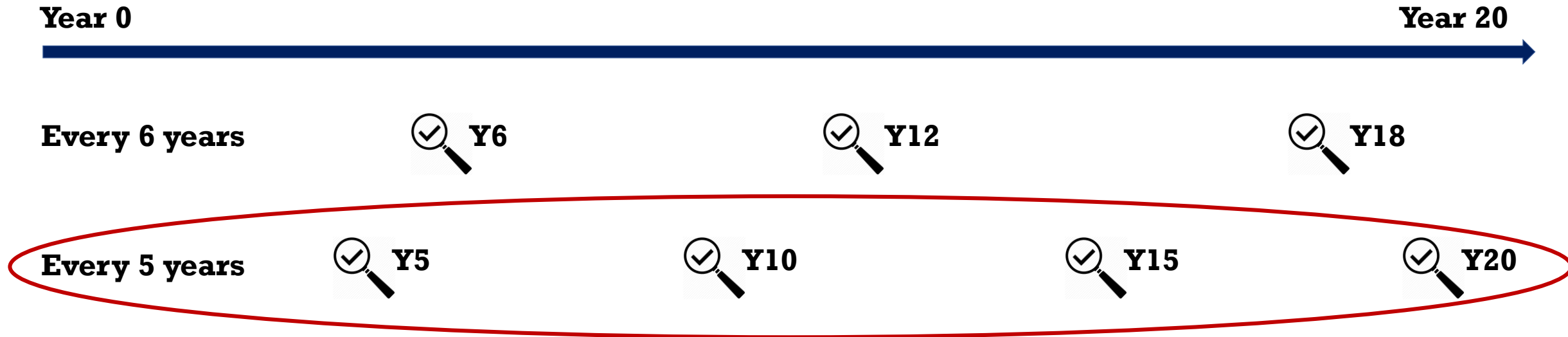
$12^{20} = 3.8e21$ branches

1 second per branch = $1.24e14$ years



Simplification to Decision Problem

Heuristic Rule: 'Constant intervals of time'

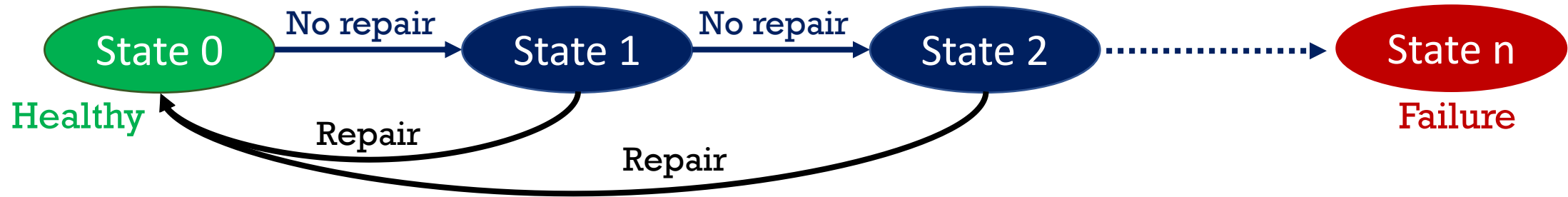


More simplifications...

- Perfect inspections
- Repair if detected

Dynamic Approach for Maintenance Planning

MARKOV Models



Inspection/Monitoring → Improves the **belief state** ?

Partially Observable Markov Decision Processes (POMDP)

Point-based algorithms → Reduces **CPU time** significantly

60-states POMDP including 3 combined actions → Only **0.32 seconds of CPU time**

System Effects for Planning

Where to perform inspections?

Past...

Components analyzed separately

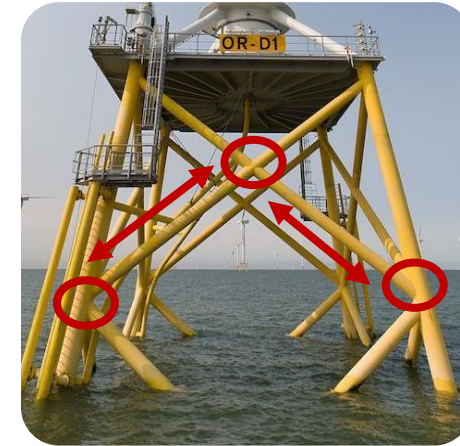
Future...

Considering **Dependencies**

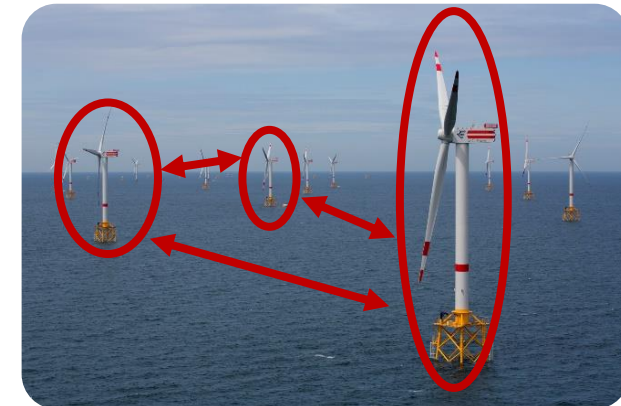
Shared epistemic uncertainty

- Similar manufacturing
- Similar loading

‘Lower costs can be attained’



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Source: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/2016/12/13/first-us-offshore-wind-farm-opens-rhode-islands-coast-ge-turbines/>

Impact: Life extension

Fixed-Offshore Wind Farms...

Year 0

Year 20



Source: <https://corporate.vattenfall.co.uk/projects/>

... Lifetime Reassessment

Life extension

... Utilize gathered data

Inspections / SCADA

Impact: Desing Optimization

Floating Offshore Wind Farms...

Year 0

Year 20



Source:

https://www.marinelog.com/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=26727:france%E2%80%99s-first-wind-farm-to-feature-floating-wind-turbines&Itemid=257

... Probabilistic Design

Reduce Safety Design Factor

... Utilize information

Optimize resources

Conclusion

- **Decision support under uncertainty**
- Utilizing available DATA
- Engineering: **Optimization of the resources!**

*Contact me for more info 😊